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BREMER KIDNAPPING**

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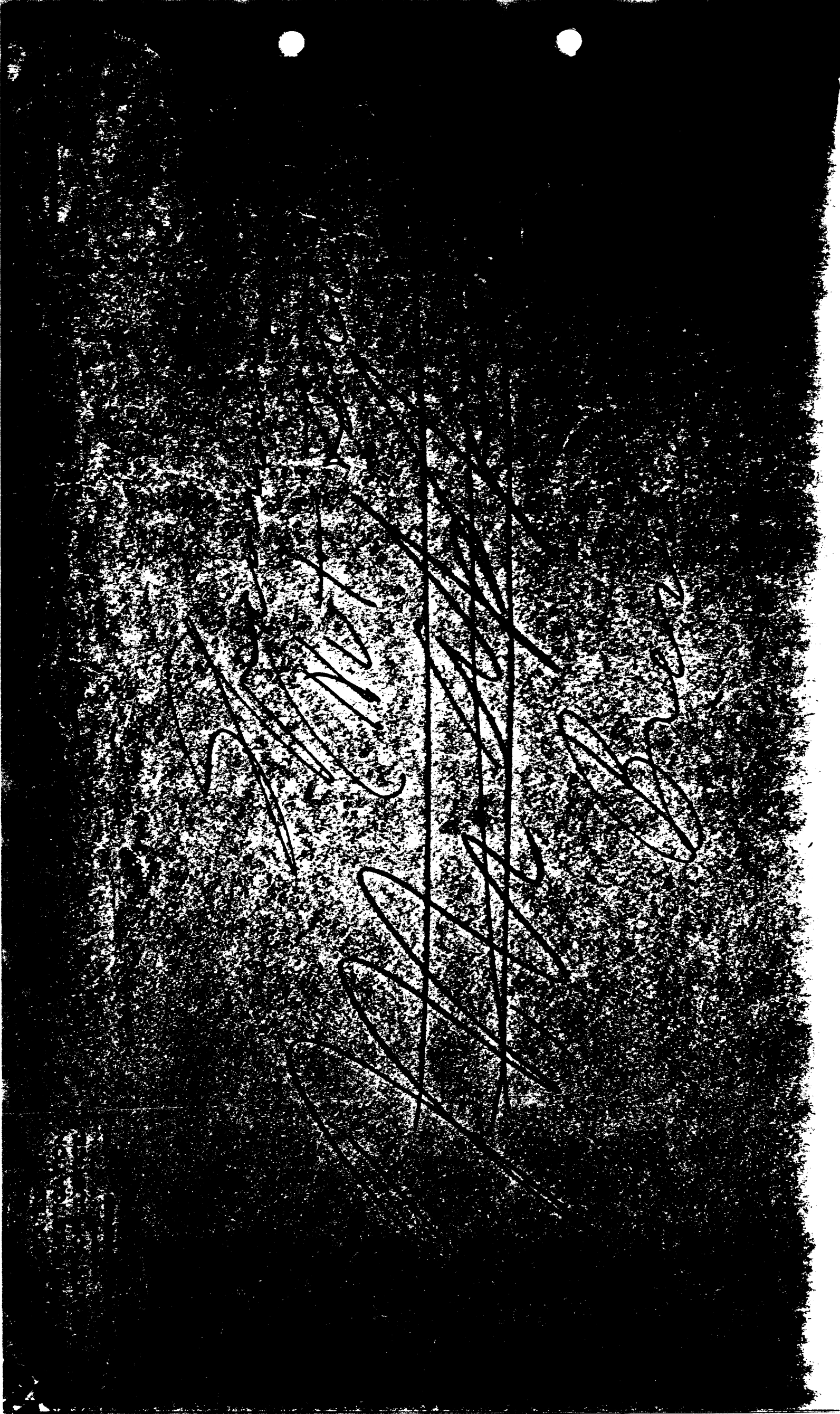
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Edward S. Bremer

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Edward
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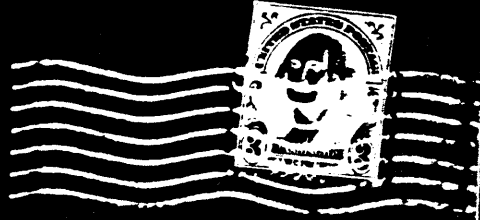
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C. E. McCRACKEN
REAL ESTATE
THIEF RIVER FALLS. MINN.



H. T. Nippert
706-Lincoln Ave
St. Paul, Minn.

C. E. MCCRACKEN

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THIEF RIVER FALLS, MINN..

January 24, 1934.

H. T. Nippert
706-Lincoln Ave
St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Sir:

I have read in the St. Paul Dispatch each day the progress of getting in touch with the kidnapers of Edward G. Bremer but up to this writing with no success, I am writing this letter to you as I noticed your name in todays paper and mentioned as their family physician.

If after reading this letter over you can take it up with Mr. Bremers Father, but I would not want any one else outside of you two to know any thing about it as I am not looking for any publicity now or afterwards, nor any reward. But after you have both read it over if you want me, I will come down and meet with you both at your house. And if Mr. Bremer will furnish me with what help I need I will if let alone otherwise so that I can work this out in my own way, return his Son to him, for the time being you handle the transactions between us.

The above is written to you in confidence and out side of Mr. Bremer and yourself I would not want it made public at this time, maybe after the three of us have talked things over, I will decide different, for later publicity might help us.

For reference: N.W. Tarrent, Judge.
H.O. Chommie, Attorney.
L.J. Kalhier, Banker.
Thief River Falls, Minn.
C.O. Johnson, with Drew-Cain
610 New York Life Bldg, Minneapolis, Minn.

Yours Truly

C. E. McCracken
C.E. McCracken.

To P. O. Box 111
 St. Paul, Minn.
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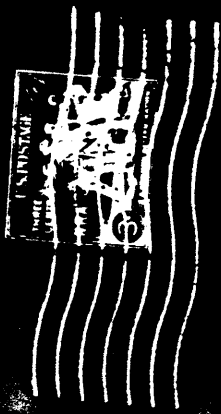
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Miss Louise Bremer, 855 West Seventh street,
ST. PAUL, MINN.

ST. PAUL, MINN.,

Ask
Gleckman

Nov. 23 - 1934

St. Paul, Minn.
near St. Paul, Minn.

There is a lady living near us here that has aroused our suspicion for some time. She keeps a home here and hires a couple to take care of it while she is gone. Times when she is home there are always 2 or 3 large sedans there from some where and coming in most any hour of the night. No one that comes ever cares to be seen or have any thing to do with the neighbors money is very plentiful and she claims her occupation is ticket seller in a Minneapolis theater. Has bought two large farms recently paying cash. Her home has everything. Its a hide out we feel quite certain and did think it was for bootleggers but don't think she could possibly get so much from that. Been wondering lately if it could have anything to do with kidnapping. During the Hamm trial she never left the place until the trial was over when she left. This is unusual as she never stays long.

as a rule at this time there was
some man in bed on the sun porch
& was nursing him. Her poor could
see that & inquired if someone
was sick. That worried her - denied
that there was & after that the
chairs were pulled.

Went past there Sun. & one car
was outside & took the scenes
no. which is B-4386-Minn. Last
night we came home from a early
1:30 at night & a car drove in
there then. There is a large double
garage on the place & cars are kept
inside if possible. Something is wrong
there but what we don't know & if
you are interested & care to investigate I
would be glad to meet you in Mankato
at any time. We live about 2 mi. out.
We have never said anything to the
Mankato office & wouldn't want you to.
She has been home since the Bremer
case & now we see cars there all the
time. Above a camp. Don't mention my
name to anyone as it would endanger
me. We live quite near. We can prove
nothing. We have no phone but if you
want to see me send registered letter &
I will meet you any time.

Herbert E. Crane.

Mankato Minn.

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Guy A. Nelson & Co.

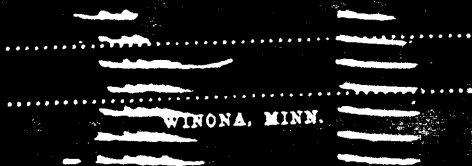
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344 Baker Bldg.

Home

2794 Dean Blvd.

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Mr. Frank Blake,

92 North Mississippi Blvd.

Saint Paul, Minn.

c/o Bremer

Mr. Frank Blake,

I noticed in the paper you are one of the investigators for the Bremer case. I'm going to tell you about a case I know and if it ever helps or not I never want you to mention publicly or even so the person involved will ever know that you were written this information. It might be I am all wrong and if so - it is alright - but I've had a feeling of suspicion for sometime and I will tell you my story as best I can - You can take it for what it is worth to you - but above all - never disclose how you came to be suspicious - if you get results in that case I will secretly let myself be known to the Bremers - and could do that by calling on them - and if nothing ever develops then it is dropped - as far as I am concerned.

A friend of mine was teaching in the high school at Fergus Falls about seven years ago. Her name was Miss Irene Carlson - a girl of good character etc. - She met a man there by the name of Guy Nelson. Her folks objected to him - and they because he had nothing - neither did this family. Because of her folks she did not go there to teach the next year - but started school at Columbia in New York. Next we heard she left the school and secretly married Mr. Nelson - who was then in Chicago. They lived there possibly a year and then moved to Minneapolis.

and rented an expensive apartment in
the Lake of the Isles district. I was in-
vited to stay with my friend and married
couple of them being able to afford
such a place, knowing he was supposed
to be a poor young man. They then
moved to a house on Jersey Ave and
a short time later got a beautiful home
on Dean Blvd - where he is now living.
This house was furnished from top
to bottom by Dayton's. One thing I
thought odd was the fact they had a,
I think, separate telephone both in
their bedroom and one downstairs.
This might be necessary for a doctor -
but why a bond salesman? I must
not forget to tell you that when he lived in
Jersey Falls I understood he then went
out on the road to audit books - you see
he was continually on the road - later I
figured this must be the liquor traffic.
Along with his new home and a new
a new big Hudson car and fur coats
and all luxuries one could ask for. His
baby girl had been a big expense also -
and then we heard he moved his mother
sister and brother to Mpls - and financed
them in their apartment. He also paid
his mother's hospital bills & burial.
I think it was in 1932 January - his
wife died - he kept his home - but moved
maid - daughter and sister besides him-
self down to the Kensington for the winter.
His wife told me that he had insured him-
self for \$35,000 - Now - at these times it seems
impossible to manage all this on the

Northrop was one name. He takes his little girl to school daily I think - at least she used to - I just wondered when I read in the paper about Bremer's daughter going to a school on Sunnyside. And - whether it was the same school or so - there may be a reason for Mr. Nelson sending his girl there - so he could understand the whole situation better. This is really all I know - Since he married again - I do not hear as much - but know this - that about seven years ago - he had nothing, he never seems to work much - and money is no item to him - so can hardly believe it all comes from his bond business.

You can study this case and I will watch the papers - but it would hurt me with some of my relatives if they thought I ever doubted this - for through marriage I'm distantly related to his first wife - But I feel something is wrong - and if it has anything to do with brutal kidnapping I want to tell you - and this is all I know. You can use your own judgment - and if ever I find he (Mr. Nelson) is guilty - I will identify myself to the Bremer and even then secretly so as not to hurt my relatives.

kind of good business. I seemed to have. He has an office in the House Bldg and keeps an office girl part time. When she is not here, he is at his home - or she takes the little girl away for a visit. I should think such a successful bond business would require more office help.

Irene - his first wife informed me once they were going to take an extended trip to the west coast - but stay at hotels and etc. This was called off suddenly - for I know not what. But at that very time two men were found killed by the road at White Bear. The papers said racketeers - I wondered - if they had anything to do with the postponing of Mr. Bremer's trip.

Another thing - he never worked hard. His wife relatives couldn't understand that. I thought then I know all this and for that reason - never want to get involved. I will tell you all I know in this letter now - and if it brings any help to Bremer or anyone else - I will feel I am justified in doing so.

Another thing - after his wife died - before a year he married again. This time it was his little girl's teacher - who taught in an exclusive school - I think on Summit Ave. The name was Northrup College - I think - I'm not sure - but feel that

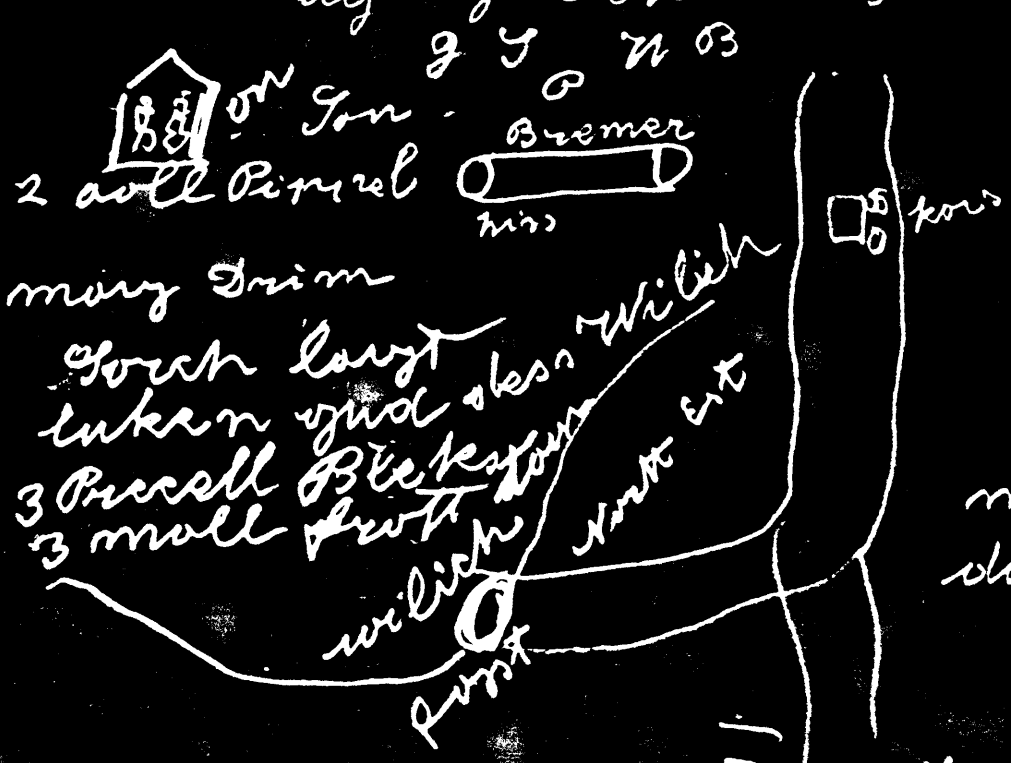
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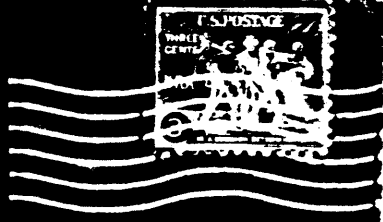


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Mr Adolph Bremer.

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Lincoln Illinois, Jan. 22nd, 1934.

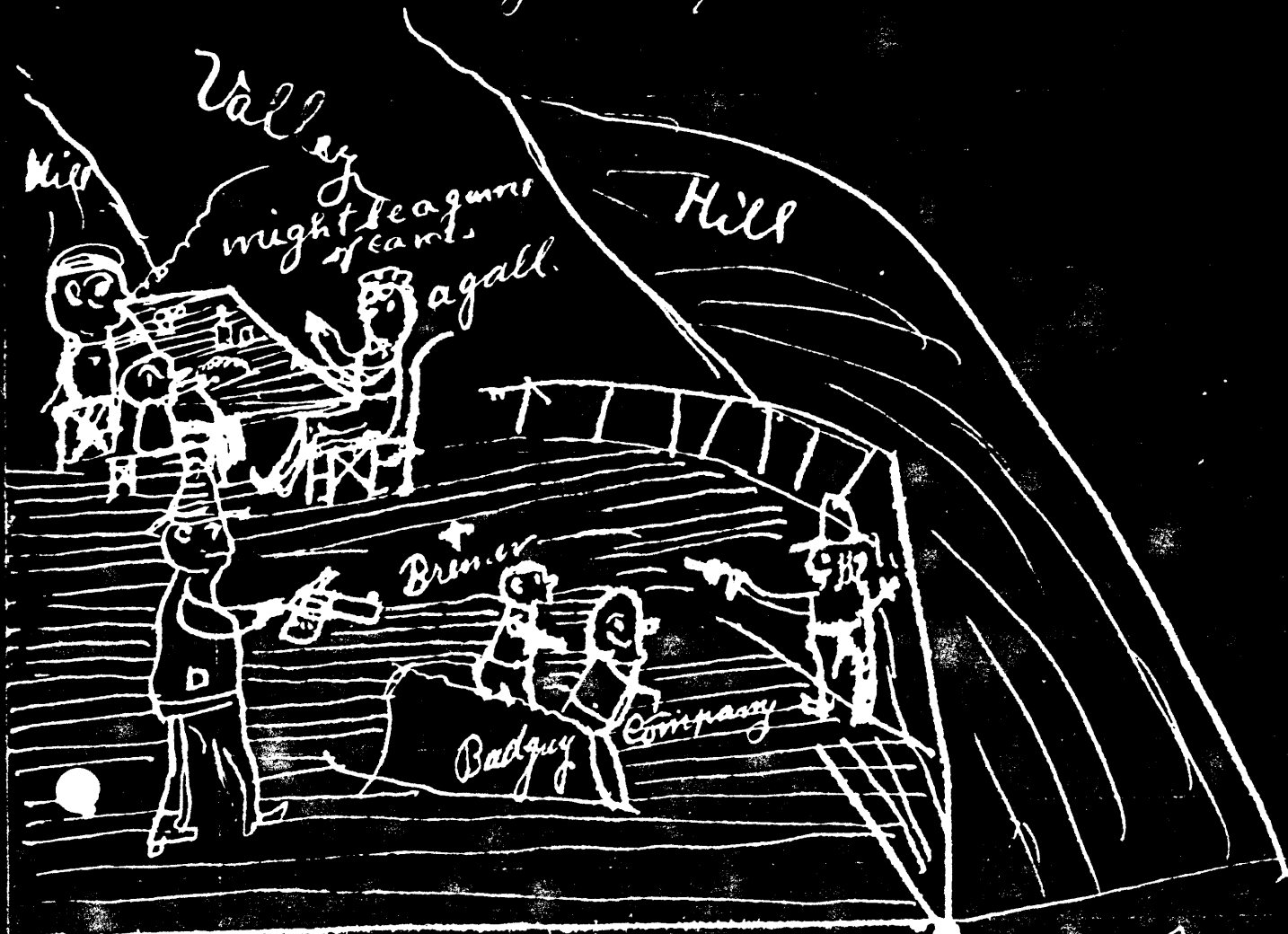
Mr. Adolph Bremer
St. Paul, Minn.

• Dear Sir: Having read in News Paper's about the supposed Kidnapping of your Respected Son. Seeing in Paper about Drawing & diagram that might solve the where ^{abouts of} your Respective Son. Now I work out things in the drawing & Diagrams that might help where your son might be located. Of course understand I can't guarantee those. but I suggest you use it as it might solve the whereabouts of your son. you people up there are Strangers to me. I never seen Minnesota, or St. Paul, or any part of your Country. I have helped solve two of the greatest Problems that confronted the world lately. my Checking came true. I work under a Cloud. I am Clear ^{not} guilty of no offence in this world Clear & and leave in the Face of the good above. I am no Grand. what I draw and explain herein is meant to be of Interest to you see.

• I mean no Humbuggery to your excellent name any body Connected with the taking of your Son. I am not Connected up in this Incident in any ^{manner}. I feel the Coffee grounds like we men some times things come to me like visions. I read Hieroglyphics. of course I

might make a mistake some times two.

I don't follow kidnapping to get by. have a machine
 gun handy when you happen to get acquainted
 with those kind of Characters. you know.
 So I will make a drawing that might fit
 the whereabouts of your Respective Sons residence
 is now. So hear you as follows.



See if you can't locate a place where
 large quantities of Barrelled Beer or whisky
 has been kept in days gone by. want to

or Tunnel Cellar under a Big ^{warehouse} where a
Cold Storage Department or Tunnell.

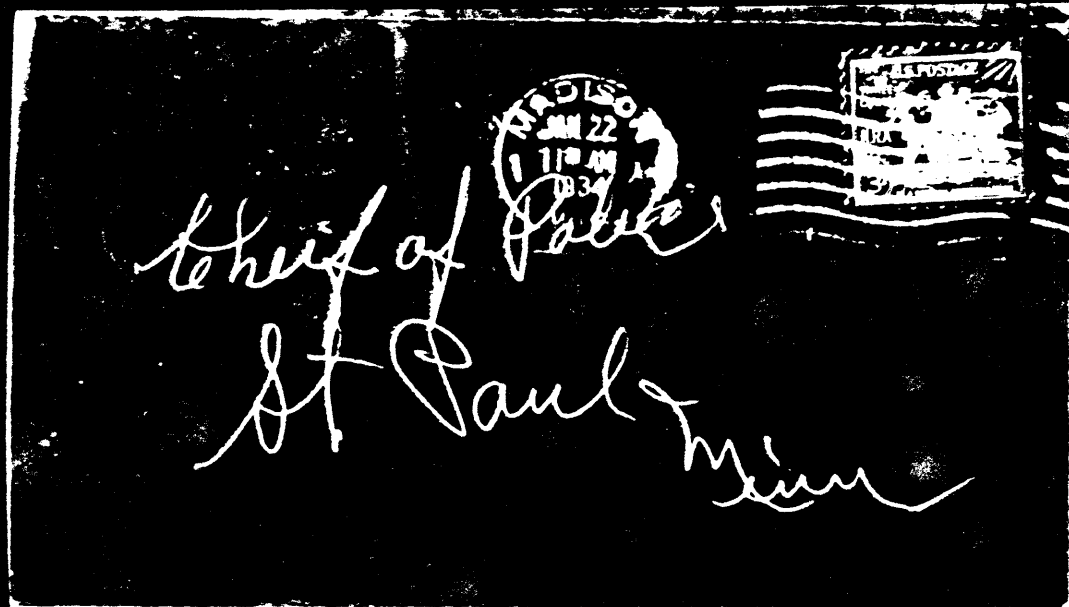
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in hills in your vicinity. now this from
my readings. use this. saw wood on it
work quite on it it might be of interest
Keep number of money on Bill it might
help get them. might be held Captor
under some Building, I am not trying
to make fools out of youse, I understand
your time is precious & valuable.

so yes. Respectfully, it seems Favorably for
him to get home O.K.

no name. I'll keep Cases on the
you may hear from me again
till i see how this checks up.

Respective Success to youse
all interested

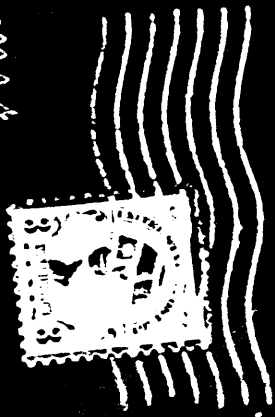
Excuse me no name.



Madison, Wis Jan 22 - 1933.
Dr Sir - I will give you some information
of the man in the Bremer Kidnaped
Case. I will give you 2 of the parties
names, 1 is Hartzell and
Emel Rachelle. This Rachelle
address is 604 North St. Madison Wis
and this Hartzell is from
Sioux City, Iowa as you remember
this O. M. Hartzell is under \$25000 ^{as from}
in that Dick Estle Shivers deal.
These 2 men I saw 2 days before the
Kidnaping at Rachelle place
604 North Street Madison Wis
and there was 1 more man with them
in a big car. I over heard that they
when go to St Paul Minn. this
O. M. Hartzell has Shivers deal the
the people in the United St and
of millions of dollars. This
Rachelle is one of his agents here
in Madison. This Rachelle is bad
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Barnard Madison
Dear and you
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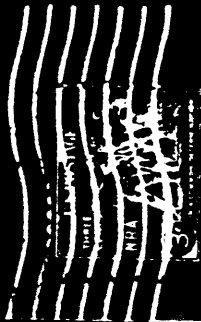
Me. Adolf Bremer
St. Paul Minn.



Herrn Adolf Bremer
St. Paul Minn.
auf dem Weg nach
Foley Alaska
dieser Entfernungs wegen
Sohn erst jetzt haben. In dem
hat sich in Gold Spring
Roman. Heute um 10 Uhr ist
in der Box. bei Wilh. bei ist
auch die Entferte

H. H.

Do not pay Ransom
Money to Kidnappers.
You will never see
your son alive again.
He is dead
Killed by the Kidnappers



Mr. Adelphi Bremer
885 West 7th St.
St. Paul.